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SUBJECT: DETENTION AND EXPULSION OF AMERICAN TOURISTS IN PENANG

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1. SUMMARY: MALAYSIAN IMMIGRATION AND POLICE CARRIED OUT 2:00 A.M. RAID MARCH 25 ON WESTERN "HIPPIES" IN PENANG INCLUDING A REPORTED 17 AMERICANS. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY SENT OFFICER TO PENANG AND HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MFA AND IMMIGRATION KUALA LUMPUR, CHARGES AGAINST THOSE ROUNDED UP ARE NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, ALL AMERICANS IN GROUP APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED EVENING OF SAME DAY AND TO HAVE LEFT MALAYSIA. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL K.L. PAPERS MORNING MARCH 26 HEADLINED 2:00 A.M. ROUND-UP PREVIOUS DAY OF 94 WESTERN QUOTE HIPPIES UNQUOTE LIVING IN PENANG'S BATU FERINGGI DISTRICT AND QUOTED HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE AS STATING THOSE DETAINED WERE FOUND TO HAVE ACTED AND BEHAVED QUOTE NOT LIKE ORDINARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOURISTS UNQUOTE. PRESS REPORTED SEVENTEEN IN GROUP WERE AMERICANS, ONE OF THEM A LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINS, PENANG

(WHO WE HAVE JUST LEARNED WAS NOT EXPELLED). ANOTHER, MICHAEL EDWARDS, WHO REPORTEDLY STATED HE WAS A TEACHER IN LAOS, TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE DETAINING OFFICERS WOULD NOT SAY WHAT CHARGES HAD BEEN PRESSED AGAINST THE DETAINEES. MANY OF THE DETAINEES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ESCORTED TO TRAVEL AGENCIES MARCH 26 BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, PRESUMABLY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. KL STRAITS TIMES EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE STREAKING HOME UNQUOTE REFERS TO OPERATION WHICH DRAGGED MEN AND WOMEN FROM THEIR BEDS AS QUOTE ADMITTEDLY A TRIFLE HIGH FLOWN UNQUOTE, BUT THEN GOES TO BRAND GROUP AS GROTESQUE COLLECTION OF DOZEN NATIONALITIES AND WISHES THEM HAPPY LANDINGS.

2. EMB INFORMED OF RAID AFTERNOON OF MARCH 25 IN TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. NANCY D. MACRAE WHO REPORTED SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN 24 HOURS TO LEAVE MALAYSIA, BUT THAT HER HUSBAND JOHN WAS STILL IN PENANG JAIL. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OR ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICAN DESK, CONSULAR AND PROTOCOL DIVISIONS OF MFA OR FROM IMMIGRATION PROVED FRUITLESS. THEREFORE, EMBASSY OFFICER FLEW TO PENANG THAT EVENING TO CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND BRITISH COUNCIL HEAD FROM WHOSE OFFICE MRS. MACRAE HAD CALLED. CONOFF UNABLE TO LOCATE MRS. MACRAE WHO HAD GONE TO BUTTERWORTH TO TAKE TRAIN TO BANGKOK. WHEN HE VISITED PENANG JAIL HE WAS TOLD LAST AMERICAN, INCLUDING JOHN MACRAE HAD BEEN RELEASED QUOTE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS UNQUOTE. IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL AT JAIL REFUSED TO STATE WHAT CHARGES HAD BEEN PRESSED AND REFERRED HIM TO CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION IN KUALA LUMPUR WHO HAD BEEN IN PENANG FOR RAID. EMBOFF OBTAINED FOLLOWING NAMES BUT WAS NOT ABLE MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY OF AMERICAN EXPELEES:

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